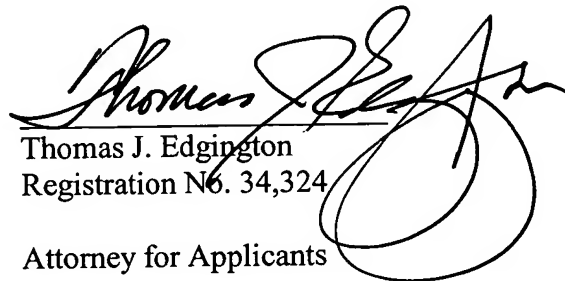


### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination of the claims as presented herein. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1100 for any fee deficiencies associated with this Preliminary Amendment. If during the examination of the present application the Examiner has any concerns, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below so such concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

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